

**STATEMENT**  
**INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

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HB 6556, An Act Concerning Sick Buildings

The Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC) opposes HB 6556, An Act Concerning Sick Buildings, which would make “sick building syndrome” compensable under the Workers’ Compensation Act.

HB 6556 is unnecessary, as there are already adequate provisions in existing statutes to find a workers’ compensation claim compensable for an illness proven to relate to exposure to a harmful concentration of a substance in the workplace.

HB 6556 is extremely vague, as the definition of “sick building syndrome” doesn’t require objective proof of any kind. The only standard set by HB 6556 would be that a “significant number of cases” exist, with no guidance as to what that means or how that even relates to the validity of the individual’s claim.

HB 6556 will only serve to invite improper claims under the Workers’ Compensation Act, resulting in unnecessary increased costs in the system. IAC urges rejection of HB 6556.